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SUBJECT: GDR CSCE DELEGATION

1. THE GDR ANNOUNCED JULY 25 THAT ERICH HONECKER, FIRST SECRETARY OF SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WILL HEAD THE GDR DELEGATION TO CSCE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDE: HERMANN AXEN, POLITBURO MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S CHAMBER; FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER; SIEGFRIED BOCK, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY POLICY PLANNING SECTION; HEINZ OELZNER, GDR AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND: AND PETER STEGLICH, HEAD OF THE NORTHERN EUROPE SECTION ON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. NEITHER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN HORST SINDERMANN NOR THE OFFICIAL HEAD OF STATE, STATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WILLI STOPH, WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS,

WIVES WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATES.

2. THE GDR HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE CSCS SECOND ROUND, INCLUDING LENGTHY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND EDITORIALS ON JULY 22 AND 24. THESE EDITIORIALS CHARACTERIZE THE CONFERENCE AS A HISTORIC SUCCESS FOR THE "CONSISTENT, COORDINATED PEACE POLICY OF THE STATES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY" AND STRESS THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR CALLING THE CONFERENCE CAME FROM THE SOVIET UNION, NOT SUPRISINGLY. GDR PRESS ACCOUNTS HAVE SINGLED OUT THE INVIOLABILITY OF BORDERS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES CLAUSES AS THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE, WITHOUR MENTIONING THAT AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ON THE PEACEFUL CHANGE OF BORDERS PROVISION. IN PORTRAYING THE WESTERN ROLE IN THE CONFERENCE, ON EDITORIAL REFERS TO THE "REALISTIC" POSITION OF WESTERN GOVERNMENTS AND STATES THAT CSCE IS AN EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERING DOMESTIC SYSTMES AND SHOUL GIVE A NEW IMPULSE TO DETENTE. COOPER

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